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H.C.R. 161 – REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE
AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND
FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE HAWAII HEALTH
SYSTEMS CORPORATION

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of H.C.R. 161 which requests the Office of the Auditor to complete a full financial and management audit of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), however we prefer the passage of H.B. 1112, which contains an identical request for audit, in addition to statutory changes to recentralize the HHSC.

Recentralization and completion of an independently assessed audit must be the first critical steps taken prior to any consideration of privatizing the system. The Legislature must ensure that the HHSC is prudently spending its appropriated funds and must accurately assess the entire system's current financial state. We raise serious reservations and grave concerns over proposed legislation to rapidly privatize the safety net hospital system: it's a risky and dangerous proposition, which may cause irreversible harm to our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of H.C.R. 161.

Respectfully submitted,

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